

# New Department of Environmental Quality Regional Office Managers



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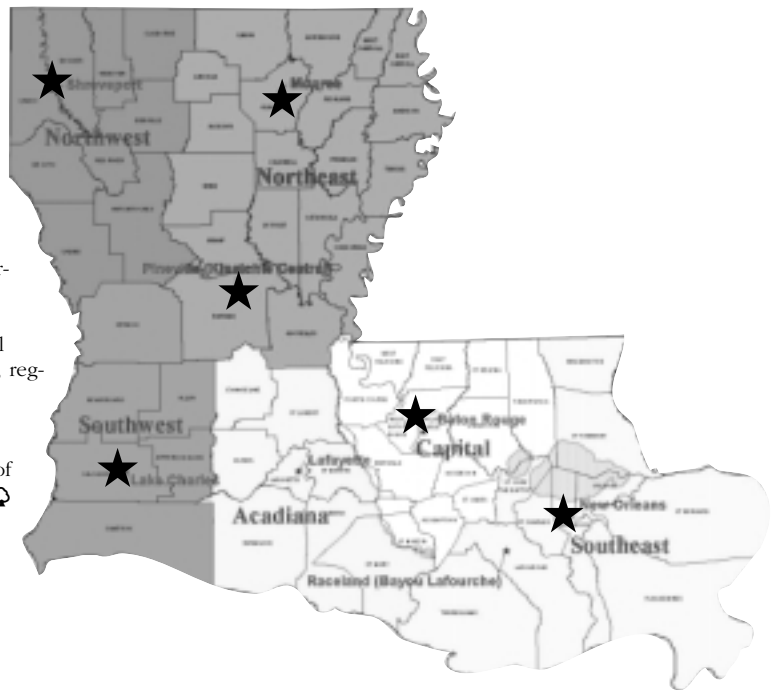


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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has appointed Environmental Managers to DEQ's Regional offices throughout the state. The appointments to the newly created positions are part of DEQ's ongoing reengineering process. Under the new system, the regional offices will have more authority and responsibilities in their respective geographic locations.

Richard Penrod, newly appointed Regional Manager to the Northwest Regional Office in Shreveport, says, "Regional Managers are able to coordinate our environmental inspection efforts much better. We were looking at facilities from four different ways. Now we're looking at it from only one."

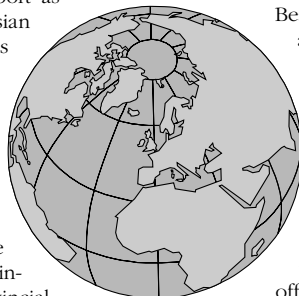
Linda Korn Levy, Assistant Secretary of DEQ's Office of Environmental Compliance, said, "The experience of the Regional Managers and their ability to work with our constituents, citizens, regulated entities, and elected officials are great assets to the Department. Having a central point of contact in the regional offices will enhance the Department's ability to better serve the public and to meet our commitment to protect the environment of the state."



## REGIONAL REPORT

### DEQ Northwest Regional Office Participates in Seminars

In September, the DEQ Northwest Regional Office (NWRO) staff presented an overview of Agency activities to a group of visiting Russians. They were in Shreveport as part of the Open World 2000 Russian Leadership Program, which is sponsored by the Library of Congress. The program is designed to give Russian administration and finance officials an opportunity to see and experience the United States, its people and government. The Russians visiting Shreveport were the equivalent of a mayor or administrative head of a city or provincial government.



The topics discussed in the meeting included air and water quality, solid and hazardous waste,

remediation, and radiation. DEQ personnel gave presentations to the Russian group. They were: Richard Penrod, Tom Hardaway, Richard Bromley, Tom Scott, Burns Doss, Claude Beasley, and Larry Lashley. They all agreed that it was a unique experience to speak to a group of people through an interpreter.

In November, the NWRO DEQ staff participated in a seminar for the International Executive Housekeepers Association. The seminar was held at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Shreveport. Regional office staff members presented information to the thirty-two participants on all aspects of Louisiana environmental rules and regulations. Emphasis was placed on the regula-

tions as they pertain specifically to managing buildings and building complexes.

According to their web page, "The International Executive Housekeepers Association is a professional and educational organization for individuals involved in or directly affiliated with the various facilities management and allied professions." Participants in the Shreveport seminar were managers and administrators from hospitals, nursing homes, casinos, colleges, airports, cities, and research centers.

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